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GREGORY M. TAYLOR WORKMAN, NYDEGGER & SEELEY 1000 EAGLE GATE TOWER 60 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111			ART UNIT 1765	PAPER NUMBER
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<i>Supplemental Notice of Allowability</i>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. This communication is responsive to Appealed brief filed on 11/24/2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8, 10-27, 29-35 and 38-48.
3. The drawings filed on 31 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Athay on 5/6/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim(s) 36 have been cancelled.

In line 1 of claim 39, the term "in Claim 36" has been replaced with --in Claim 47--

In line 1 of claim 40, the term "in Claim 36" has been replaced with --in Claim 47--

Claims 47 and 48 have been added:

47. The method as defined in Claim 35, wherein

at least one of said gases comprises a gas that modifies the deposition of said protective layer; and

at least one of said gases comprises an etch modifying gas.

48. The method as defined in Claim 35, wherein said etchant gas comprises one gas selected from the group consisting of a hydrofluorocarbon and a fluorocarbon.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lan Vinh whose telephone number is 571 272 1471. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on 571 272 1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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